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# *Elizabeth Levinson Center (ELC)*

**Bangor, Maine**

## Number of Children Served by Year:

### Residential Care

1997	17
1998	17
1999	17
2000	12
2001	12
2002	13

### Respite Care

1997	96
1998	105
1999	112
2000	90
2001	97
2002	82

## **Providing Intensive Treatment and Care for Maine Children**

The State-operated ELC is located in Bangor, and is a 20 bed facility serving children with severe or profound mental retardation and multiple medical disabilities. Four beds are reserved for short term respite care of children who are being supported in their family homes or in foster homes.

ELC's services are integrated with the Bangor public schools, local health care providers, and other service networks to meet the educational, health and programmatic needs of the children served by ELC.

The primary purpose of the Center is evaluation and treatment for children with severe and profound

mental retardation and multiple medical disabilities. The secondary purpose of the facility is to offer respite care to those parents whose children cannot be served in the community.

Children are accepted into the facility through the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) process and approved by Medicaid-established criteria. All children receive judicial certification for one to twenty-four months. Each program is implemented and monitored by medical, nursing, psychological and other professional staff.

Community support services are identified and arranged upon discharge

by the facility Social Worker and that client's community-based social worker (if applicable). Education programs for all ELC residents are provided by local schools.

ELC is a valuable community partner through providing access to the facility's therapeutic swimming pool for Bangor area residents. Approximately 90 organizations and individuals with a medical need were able to use the pool at ELC free of charge last year.

*For more information about BDS visit: [www.state.me.us/bds/](http://www.state.me.us/bds/)*

## Comments from ELC parents:

*"E.L.C. is more than I'd even hoped for regarding Lisa's care. The staff is friendly and supportive with both Lisa's needs and her family's needs."*

*"I couldn't ask for a better place for Jake other than being with me."*

*"I would highly recommend E.L.C. to any family seeking respite or placement for their child."*

*"The staff was very friendly and helpful. They seemed truly concerned with my daughter's well being, and tried their best to make her stay as pleasant as possible for her."*

*"My interactions with direct care staff left me feeling secure that my child was being well cared for."*



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